

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A device that includes at least one consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time, the device comprising:
- 5 a timer, operatively coupled to the consumable source, for maintaining the duration that the at least one consumable source is in use; and
- an effectiveness indicator, operatively coupled to the timer, for indicating when the timer has reached a preset duration.
- 10 2. The device as claimed in claim 1, including a controller, operatively coupled intermediate the timer and the indicator, for receiving one or more signals from the timer and transmitting one or more other signals to the indicator, the one or more other signals being based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller.
- 15 3. The device as claimed in claim 2, including an operational indicator, operatively coupled to the controller, for indicating when the device is in a selected operating mode and wherein the effectiveness indicator and the operational indicator are independently controlled by the controller;
- 20 whereby the operational indicator is capable of indicating that device is operating in the selected mode while the effectiveness indicator is simultaneously indicating an effectiveness of the consumable source.
4. The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the effectiveness indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator, and wherein the visual indication may be one of visual indicator going from "off" to "on" or "on" to off".
- 25 5. The device as claimed in claim 4, including a service indicator for indicating a need for servicing by an individual, wherein the service indicator is at least one of visual or audible, and the need for servicing is based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller.
- 30 6. The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one consumable source is a light source.

7. The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one consumable source is an adhesive surface.

5 8. The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator.

9. A device that includes at least one consumable source that decreases in effectiveness over time, the device comprising:

10 a sensor, operatively coupled to the consumable source, for sensing the effectiveness of the at least one consumable source; and

an indicator, operatively coupled to the sensor, for indicating an effectiveness of the at least one consumable source.

15 10. The device as claimed in claim 9, including a controller, operatively coupled intermediate the sensor and the indicator, for receiving one or more signals from the sensor and transmitting one or more other signals to the indicator, the one or more other signals being based on the one or more signals from the sensor to the controller.

20 11. The device as claimed in claim 10, including an operational indicator, operatively coupled to the controller, for indicating when the device is in a selected operating mode and wherein the effectiveness indicator and the operational indicator are independently controlled by the controller;

whereby the operational indicator is capable of indicating that device is
25 operating in the selected mode while the effectiveness indicator is simultaneously indicating an effectiveness of the at least one consumable source.

12. The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the effectiveness indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator, and wherein the visual indication may be
30 one of visual indicator going from “off” to “on” or “on” to off”.

13. The device as claimed in claim 12, including a service indicator for indicating a need for servicing by an individual, wherein the service indicator is at least one of

visual or audible, and the need for servicing is based on the one or more signals from the timer to the controller.

14. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one consumable source
5 is a light source.

15. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one consumable source is an adhesive surface.

10 16. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the indicator is at least one of a visual or audible indicator.

17. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the sensor is a timer.

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